

CITY OF CHICOPEE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



STANLEY J. WALCZAK, C.P.R.P.
Superintendent

RICHARD G. MACIOLEK
Assistant Superintendent

Minutes of the regular meeting minutes held on October 27, 2009

Commissioners present were: Chairman Gary Ziemba, Vice Chairman Robert Erhardt, Secretary Elizabeth Montemagni and Commissioner Nancy Fenton. Also present was Stanley J. Walczak, Superintendent and Richard Maciolek, Assistance Superintendent. Commissioner Doug Girouard was absent due to a family illness.

Chairman Ziemba called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Erhardt, seconded by Ms. Fenton, to approve the September 22, 2009 minutes as written.

Motion by Mr. Erhardt, seconded by Ms. Fenton, to receive, place on file or take the appropriate action on the following communications.

Communications:

1. Letter from St. Joan of Arc – St. George School.
2. Letter from 1st Central Baptist Church.
3. Letter from Ajac Soccer Director.
4. Letter from John Sawka.

Motion by Mr. Erhardt, seconded by Ms. Fenton, to approve a request by St. Joan of Arc – St. George School to hold their annual field day on Friday, June 11, 2010 at Ray Ash Park.

Motion by Ms. Fenton, seconded by Ms. Montemagni, to approve a request by the First Central Baptist Church to hold their annual morning service at Szot Park on Thursday, November 26, 2009.

Motion by Ms. Montemagni, seconded by Mr. Erhardt, to approve a request by the Chicopee Ajac Soccer program to hold their soccer jamboree on Saturday, November 14, 2009 with a November 15 rain date.

The Commission tabled a request by the Ajac youth organization to install a sidewalk at Ray Ash Park to their Ajac Building until more information can be obtained.

Superintendent Walczak will be setting up interview dates for two consultants who submitted proposals for the Szot Park Gateway Grant award.

Assistant Superintendent Maciolek reported that the turnout for some of the Suburban Basketball teams was very low. He recommended a later tryout date for those still playing soccer or football. Superintendent Walczak recommended that a Suburban Flyer be issued when the youth organizations have sign-ups to educate them on what Suburban play involves. A clinic could also be scheduled prior to the actual Suburban tryouts.

Motion by Mr. Erhardt, seconded by Ms. Montemagni, to approve the formation of a Boys 7th-8th Grade Suburban "B" team with prospective players from the tryouts.

Superintendent Walczak reported that the D.P.W. Maintenance Division has been busy installing new bubblers at three city parks, completing infield work at several 60' and 90' diamonds, winterizing park & pool buildings as well as irrigation systems and spray parks. Additionally the crews have begun leaf removal at city parks & cemeteries, pouring 14 monument foundations at the Fairview Cemetery and preparing for the installation of holiday displays for the annual XMAS event.

Assistant Superintendent reported that soccer games finish this weekend and meetings for youth basketball will be held shortly. There are approximately 26 mens basketball teams. The annual Haunted Hallways event is being held on Friday, October 30 at the Parks Office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Polish National Credit Union for their generous \$300. check to underwrite the cost of the candy for this activity.

Commissioner Erhardt asked if the Lincoln Grove 60' diamond's basepaths could be extended wider to allow fielders and baserunners more room to operate.

Recreation Supervisor Woodill issued an end of the year report on Opee Summer Adventures which indicated another successful camp program at the Fairview Park venue.

Superintendent Walczak met with Holyoke Catholic officials to discuss future plans for Sarah Jane Park. The School would like to upgrade the field but work needs to be done in providing a better turf condition and in removing water retention problems on the field. The park however has seen improvements with new players benches, protective fencing at the benches, new water bubblers & trash receptacles as well as a planned seed & fertilization program for this fall.

The Department has received a capital equipment / project form for future acquisitions or renovations. Applications are to be submitted by October 30 to the Mayor's and Auditing Offices.

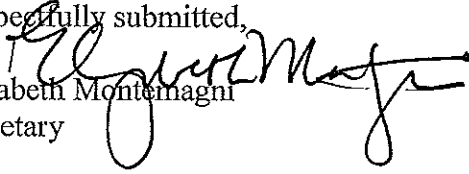
Assistant Superintendent Maciolek reported that the Department has requested Cultural Council Grants for the Opee Summer Adventures Program and musical performances for the annual Fest of All.

Motion by Ms. Montemagni, seconded by Ms. Fenton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Montemagni
Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Montemagni', written over the printed name and title.